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Gun Violence Prevention Budget Recommendations

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Mayor Bowser, Councilmember Allen, and Councilmember Gray,

The ANC 4C Commission, at a duly noticed public meeting, with a quorum of 10 Commissioners present at its May 12, 2021, meeting, voted, with 10 Yeas, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions to adopt this letter with budget requests for gun violence prevention.

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We know that gun violence prevention programs save lives and prevent long term trauma in our communities. We also know from research by the Giffords Law Center that investments in prevention save governments multiple times those amounts versus responding to gun violence afterwards, "law enforcement and healthcare costs alone associated with a single gun-related homicide are \$488,000, and more than \$71,000 for each non-fatal shooting."¹

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We support Moms Demand Action's full set of budget recommendations². Mom Demand Action has been a leading proponent for establishing the Director of Gun Violence Prevention role in DC. These are a few of the larger items that want to highlight that we think will have a positive impact on Ward 4:

- Expand ONSE's Pathways Program to 150 participants per year
- Expand ONSE's Violence Interrupters program to 10 additional priority location.

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Additionally ensure the program has enough resources so it doesn't need to reallocate existing teams to emergency locations leaving both sites with incomplete teams. Currently Ward 4's only Violence Interrupter team on Kennedy St has been reduced in half to temporarily relocate some workers elsewhere in Ward 4. This hurts both the existing progress on Kennedy St and does not allow the second location enough time to show progress and build relationships before they will be sent back to Kennedy St.

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- Expand Cure the Streets to 8 new locations.
- Expand the Department of Behavioral Health's school-based mental health program to an additional 80 schools.

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We also ask that both OAG's Cure the Streets and ONSE's Violence Interrupter programs's funding is not one time revenue sources so that their critical work can continue after this fiscal year. We support Councilmember Lewis George and McDuffie's recommendations for one of these teams to be positioned to work across the Ward 4 and 5 borders. Additionally we continue to request these resources on the Ward 1 and 4 border between Georgia Ave and 14th Streets. In 2020 ANC 4C and 1A passed a joint request³ and 4C continues to request this prevention support.

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We ask that the budget fund the Police Reform Commission's recommendations. When prevention policies are not funded communities bear the brunt of the trauma as DC is seeing with the Vision Zero Omnibus policies being passed but lacking funding to implement.

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Finally, we would recommend a funding mechanism that increases the funding to these critical programs during the fiscal year instead of waiting for the next budget to start if gun violence rates increase beyond projections. We need a budget that reflects potential increases in gun violence if it happens and is not restricted by funding based on data from the prior year.

The Commission also voted with 10 Yeas, 0 Nays, and 0 Abstentions to appoint the Commissioner for Single Member District 4C10, or any member of the Executive Committee in their absence, to be authorized to communicate this resolution and represent ANC 4C before the Mayor and corresponding DC Council committees related to this matter.

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1. <https://giffords.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Investing-in-Intervention-02.14.18.pdf>
2. https://drive.google.com/file/d/18iE-vGvlsatWv0tMy07zI-qyyvpBYZ_h/view
3. https://resolutions.anc.dc.gov/AttachmentsFiles/19/Violence%20Interrupter%20Request_TM_20200505053001PM.pdf